

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to promote cooperation between India and Nepal for tapping hydro-power resources of the Himalayan rivers, the two countries have set up a Sub-Commission on Water Resources at Secretary level. Two meetings of the Sub-Commission have been held so far. Various Committees like Committee on Karnali and Joint Group of Experts for Pancheswar Project have also been set up under the Sub-Commission for promoting various hydro-power projects.

(c) Does not arise.

#### POWER GENERATION IN BUNDELKHAND REGION

892. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to generate power in Bundelkhand region;

(b) if so, whether adequate natural resources for this purpose are available; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### EXTRACTION OF COAL

893. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of coal extracted from various coal mines in Madhya Pradesh during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the amount of royalty given to the Madhya Pradesh Government and the rate thereof; and

(c) the amount of royalty being given to the Bihar Government on coal production during the period and the rates thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NAYAMACOUDE) : (a) Coal production from various coal mines in Madhya Pradesh during 1989-90 & 1990-91 was 59.79 m.t. and 65.24 m.t. (Provisional) respectively.

(b) and (c) The rates of royalty on coal are same for the States of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. The rates however vary according to grade of coal. The average rate of royalty on coal is Rs. 5.30 per tonne. The amount of royalty paid to Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Bihar during 1989-90 and 1990-91 were as under :--

Royalty paid (Rs. crores)		
States	1989-90	1990-91
Madhya Pradesh	23.03	26.36
Bihar	27.93	28.99

#### DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS IN AURANGABAD

894. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE :

SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government for the development of Ajanta, Ellora and Daulatabad tourist spots in Aurangabad;

(b) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the amount of financial assistance proposed to be given;